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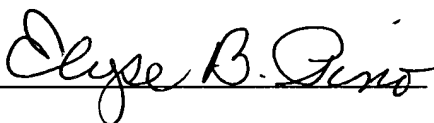
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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 21, 2005, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration. Claims 1-66 are pending in this application. The Office Action rejected claims 1-13, 15-21, 23-41, 43-57, and 60-66 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as purportedly being unpatentable over O'Hare (6,484,173). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

The Office Action indicated that claims 14, 22, 42, 58, and 59 are objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. In view of Applicants' belief in the allowability of the independent claims from which these claims depend, they have not been so rewritten.